Claim Amendments

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A grounding device for grounding a cable comprising:

a grounding wire;

a substantially C-shaped clip that is connected to the grounding wire, the clip including a first and a second resilient clip side and a pivotably attached band of metal that is adapted to secure the resilient clip sides in locking engagement around the cable; a first distal end of the first resilient clip side having a lip that is adapted for the band of metal to clasp ~~engage~~, the band of metal being shorter than an axial opening between the first and the second resilient clip sides in an unstressed condition when pressure is not applied to squeeze the first and the second resilient clip sides together.

2. (original) The grounding device of claim 1 wherein the band of metal is pivotally attached to a second distal end of the second resilient clip side.

3. (original) The grounding device of claim 2 wherein the band of metal is planar.

4. (currently amended) ~~The grounding device of claim 1 further comprising~~ A grounding device for grounding a cable comprising:

a grounding wire;

a substantially C-shaped clip that is connected to the grounding wire, the clip including a first and a second resilient clip side and a band of metal that is adapted to secure the resilient clip sides in locking engagement around the cable; a first distal end of the first resilient clip side having a lip that is adapted for the band of metal to engage, a buckle including a tongue wherein the band of metal is pivotally attached to the tongue of the buckle, the tongue being pivotally attached to a second distal end of the second resilient clip side, the band of metal being shorter than an axial opening between the first and the second resilient clip sides in an unstressed condition when pressure is not applied to squeeze the first and the second resilient clip sides together.

5. (original) The grounding device of claim 4 wherein the second distal end is narrower than at a base of the second resilient clip side to allow the band of metal to pass outside the second distal end when the grounding device is buckled around the cable.

6. (original) The grounding device of claim 4 wherein the band of metal is bent to have an inclination of the cable

7. (original) The grounding device of claim 4 wherein the band of metal is curved to follow a curve of the cable.

8. (original) The grounding device of claim 1 further comprising a bend line across an upper portion of the first resilient clip side.

9. (currently amended) A grounding device for grounding a cable comprising:

a grounding wire;

a substantially C-shaped clip having a recessed attachment portion wherein the grounding wire is riveted to the recessed attachment portion,

the clip including a first and a second resilient clip side and a band of metal forming a portion of a ring in the form of a clasp that is adapted to secure the resilient clip sides in locking engagement around the cable; a first distal end of the first resilient clip side having a lip that is adapted for the band of metal to ~~engage~~ clasp, the band of metal is pivotally attached to a second distal end of the second resilient clip side, the band of metal being shorter than an axial opening between the first and the second resilient clip sides in an unstressed condition when pressure is not applied to squeeze the first and the second resilient clip sides together.